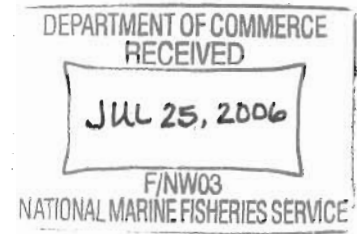


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Re: Critical Habitat for Endangered Southern Resident Orcas

Dear Sir,

I was unable to attend the public meeting in Friday Harbor on July 13, 2006, so I'm writing to express my dismay that NOAA is proposing to exclude some areas of the Orca's habitat from protection under the Endangered Species Act.

I implore you to do what you can to include all the waters needed to encourage the survival of the Orca. This would include their winter habitat and near-shore habitat. Especially, our military installations must be included.

I am alarmed by the state of our environment. Our oceans are sick. To imagine the polar bears, tigers, salmon or Orca going extinct is to imagine the extinction of our own species. I believe what happens to the Orca will happen to us. We have so little time to change ways, so I'm praying that NOAA will enthusiastically change to protect the Orca.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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